

# NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting

February 6, 2008 MINUTES

Location: Newton City Hall Cafeteria

---

Present:	Joe DeVito (Chair), Marianne Cook, Donna Gordon, Matt Green, Officer Jim O'Loughlin, Stephen Ross, Kirsten Tuohy <u>Students:</u> Greg Kelley, Kira Mascho, Devin Perry, Katie Sanders, Theresa Staulo
Regrets:	Anthony Bibbo, Richard Dyer, Peter Harrington, Joanne Kazarian, Stephanie Pelkowsky, Terance Sack, John Staulo, Robert Staulo, Sharon O. Stout
Staff:	Beverly Droz, Director, Human and Volunteer Services
Guests:	(none)

---

The meeting was opened at 7:05pm.

**A motion to accept the minutes of December 3, 2007 was passed.** (There was no meeting in January.)

**Treasurer's report:** It was noted that there was no change to the Treasurer's report; Bev is still waiting to receive the custodian's bill from October.

**Youth Foundation Sub-Committee:** Joe reported he had spoken with Alderman Vicki Danberg but that nothing is happening at this time with regards to the idea of a city foundation for youth. It was agreed that it is time for this sub-committee to meet again and get the ball rolling.

## Programs:

### Internet Safety:

Chris Fortunato has left his position as director of TEEN REACH with the Newton Community Service Center. Ellen Manning is the current contact. We had planned to involve him in an Internet Safety program with the middle schools. Marianne Cook said Riverside could provide such a program.

### FCD:

For the annual Freedom from Chemical Dependency forums that the Youth Commission sponsors in the early spring, Donna will contact Jeanne White at NNHS as well as get it lined up at NSHS.

### Fundraising:

Depending on the events at the school, the respective hosting group often sets up a beverage/snack table to benefit them – so there is not really opportunity for the Youth Commission students to raise funds at these events.

Matt suggested making a calendar of events so we can plan accordingly. Kirsten will talk to a few people at NNHS and Donna will do the same at NSHS. Theresa suggested College Night and will check with the faculty at NNHS. Joe said such showcasing of the Youth Commission at events would be a good way to involve new students, so it serves a dual purpose. We don't have to limit it to the schools. Joe will check with the library to see if it's possible to sell water, etc. at events there.

There were no other current programs to discuss.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.**

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00pm in the City Hall cafeteria.**